

## Washington - How we made a difference – highlights from 2015 / 2016

### Our local priorities for Washington were

Environment and Greenspace and improving neighbourhoods
Heritage and culture, including local events programmes
Influence the design, delivery and review of Place and People based Services devolved to Area Committee.
Health and wellbeing with a focus on emotional resilience for young people
Community inclusion and support for the VCs, including support for young people
Employment, enterprise and lifelong learning
A Safer Washington

### Our year in numbers

We approved or agreed a total of £335,000 for projects to implement specific local priorities and support our own council departments, and supplement funding of partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

% Council led?

% Third sector led?

Home from Hospital Scheme (to match £20,000 CCG funding)	£20,000
Addressing holiday hunger	£5,000
Young Peoples Can Do Project	£20,000
Supporting the local VCS	£35,000
Business Watch and Industrial Estates	£35,000
Washington Events Programme 2015 and 2016	£60,000
Volunteers Equipment Bank	£25,000
Delivering a local approach to assist young people who self-harm (Development stage)	£50,000
Work Discovery Week and Skills Conference for Washington young people (Under development)	£15,000
Improve the Washington Heritage & Culture Offer (Under development)	£30,000
Financial Inclusion and Capability (Under development)	£40,000

We have also awarded grants to the value of £30,308 to 43 organisations.

### Highlights

- The Washington Way to Well Being Scheme has seen a range of activities delivered to help local residents feel healthier, including 24 local organisations now achieving the WW2WB Charter Mark and the Washington Way cycleways and pathways encouraging more people to walk, run and cycle
- The Washington Strategic Health Group has seen key partners come together to collaborate and deliver a joined up approach to helping young people who self-harm and their families.
- 18 young people have moved into employment in the last 6 months through Phase 2 of the Youth Opportunities Project – this adds to the 63 into employment through the first phase.
- Area Committee investment has contributed to the completion of more than 17km of off road shared use roads.
- More than 100 volunteers have been contacted and 20 small organisations supported directly through the Washington Trust Community and Volunteering project. Recruitment to the Washington 100 is now well underway with more than 50 local volunteers signed up.
- A range of activities have been delivered to encourage people to use green space. This includes establishment of 3-2-1 routes in 2 local parks, organised walks, walk to jog sessions attended by more

than 35 people, and more than 750 contacts have been made requesting information on health activities and the Washington Way to Well Being initiative

- The establishment of the Bike Hub has seen over 130 local people taking part in walks, over 120 cycling, and 266 people joining in with health activities. More than 800 people have contacted the project to express an interest or request information.

## Our local communities



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### It's time to drag your old bike out of the shed and hit the Washington Way 2 Wellbeing!

The Washington Cycle Hub will be open 2 sessions per week at The Life House, Grasmere Terrace, Columbia, Washington. NE38 7LP

First session Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 from 10am – 3pm

- Cycle Hire – electric bikes, unisex bikes, special needs bikes and children's bikes
- Organised bike rides
- Cycle maintenance workshops
- Cycle training

Want to know more?

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Washington Illuminations

